

## Our Religious Column.

## WHAT DOETH HINDER ME?

## The Jew.

Of the responsible population of Christendom, it is perhaps not an excessive estimate to say that one half do not personally profess to have accepted the religion of Jesus. If this statement approaches the truth, it is surely of most weighty importance, and deserves the most careful consideration of intelligent Christians.

As man is a rational being, this fact must admit of a rational explanation. Men do not become Christians except under the influence of rational motives; and they are not deterred from it, except for the same causes. Of course, we do not mean even to imply that their reasons are sufficient to justify them in such a course, but simply that they have reasons which satisfy themselves. It is for the Christian to learn what these hindrances are, and to endeavor to remove them.

If we have studied them aright, they are of two classes, speculative and practical. There are some who are not Christians, because they are unconvinced of the truthfulness of Christianity. They do not believe it to be the religion of God. Of this class are the Jew and the infidel in natural religion.

Manifestly it would be out of place, in these fugitive pieces, to attempt a close, exhaustive argument with either of these opponents of our holy religion. But as the stone from David's shepherd sling was blessed of Jehovah to the destruction of the giant of Gath, so may the simple word which we may write, with the same blessing, avail to the accomplishment of good.

An honest talk then first with our Hebrew friends. At the outset, we tell you that we are not going to abuse you. For this we have neither right nor inclination; on the contrary, there are many reasons why we are drawn towards you with admiration and respect. We consider you the miracle of history, the wonder of our race. Scattered over the habitable globe, from the remotest and oppressed, nearly always to the remotest, the object of suspicion and contempt, you have yet maintained your national identity, and are the purest blooded people on the face of the earth, the only tribe of men who can trace their lineage up to the common ancestor of all race.

Abraham was the model patriarch, one of the noblest types of our race, a Washington in the simple, yet sublime and symmetrical beauty of his character. Moses was undoubtedly the greatest of the sages of antiquity, and earth has yet to find a man who can be recognized as his superior as a historian, a philosopher, a ruler and a judge. No greater captain ever marshaled his hosts for victory than Joshua, the conqueror of Canaan. No more heroic spirit or true poet ever wore a throne or wrote a lyric than David the shepherd king of Bethlehem. No such splendor of magnificence has been known, even among the august monarchs of the Orient, as was to be seen in the unrivaled court of Solomon. The curious ones, though since man's creation, he has daily peered into every nook and corner of the earth, has never beheld a building to compare with that combination of precious woods, precious stones, precious fabrics, and precious metals, which graced the summit of Moriah, as the earthly temple of Jehovah; a house, only 139 ft. long and 39 ft. broad and 32 ft. high, and yet requiring more than two hundred thousand men to build it, at a cost, in actual material, of not less than four hundred millions of dollars.

There are only a few of the many things in the past of which you may well be proud. Even now, scattered over earth's broad territory, you are still a nation, a power in the world of science, the world of commerce, and the world of politics. The lustre of your name, despite the utmost efforts of an ignorant and bigoted intolerance, is today unimpaired, and Israel's star shines in the firmament of the world's greatness with an unsurpassed and undimmed radiance.

In nothing does world owe you so much as in the industry of the Jews. Your scriptures bear upon their face the impress of their inspiration. They are manifestly God's words to man. Their numerous and detailed prophecies have been so minutely fulfilled that the student of prophecy, perusing them, that they must have been written after the events predicted had occurred. With you, we love and reverence those scriptures. They are to us the voice of our heavenly Father. To us they have a sweetness, an authenticity, a holiness not to earth.

Will you allow us to call your attention to just one passage which they contain? It is known as the 32d chapter of Isaiah in the Bible which we have, or whom we call the prophet. It is the 24th of some other manuscripts. Is it not the Messiah? Of whom else, could it be? If it be of the Messiah, does it not remove your greatest objection to Jesus? "This is the man who was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." "This is the man who was cut off out of the land of the living." "This is the man who was carried as a lamb to the slaughter." "This is the man who made this grave with the wicked and with the rich his death." All this, however, was for a purpose. He was bruised for our iniquities. He was God's sacrifice for sin. Did not every bleeding victim upon your ancient altar point to Him? You know that you are a sinner. Your scriptures teach you so. You know that you can make no atonement for your sin. How kind it was of Jehovah to lay His sin upon a substitute, a Savior, as Abraham slew the ram in the place of his beloved son.

Read that which is said to God's altar, slain for you and for us. Read the record of His life, and ask yourself, if there is aught in His character, or aught in His teachings, unworthy of the Messiah of Israel, of the savior of the world? Jesus was a Jew. He lived His people. He embodied His personal mission among His people to them. He wept over their unbelief, and upon His cross of agony prayed for those who slew Him.

He is our Savior. We love Him with a devoted tenderness. To us He is the embodiment of all that is excellent or lovely. Our brightest joys and fondest hopes are due to Him. Will you not love Him too?

"Whoever will may come," "for the word 'whoever.' If God had said there was mercy for Richard Baxter, I am sure it would have been for him. But when he says 'whoever' I know it includes me, the worst of all Richard Baxters."

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Faith is an appreciating principle. It is not satisfied simply to know that bread will appease hunger; that water will quench thirst; that life is lost will save from drowning. No! not if it drinks of Christ the spiritual food; it feeds upon the bread which came down from heaven, and enters into Christ from off the temptations brought of the floods of sin, as the only safe of safety.

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